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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2003

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In response to the action dated January 14, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 18, 22-25, and 27 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of preparing an image for downloading over a link comprising:
receiving a user selection for an image to prepare;
retrieving current user settings reflective of desired settings for compressing the image;
automatically deriving alternative compression settings including compression settings
scaled from the current user settings; and
presenting a plurality of variations of the image to the user where each variation is
generated using one or more alternative compression settings.
2. The method of claim 1, further including estimating an amount of time required to
download a given variation to the user where the estimated time is calculated from an assumed
transmission rate of the link.

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